

## ELOQUENT SERMON IS DELIVERED

Dr. Wray, Pastor of First Baptist Church,  
Addresses Inspiring Message to  
Members of Graduating Class  
of High School

## CHURCH CROWDED TO UTMOST CAPACITY

Many are Turned Away; Other Ministers  
Participate in Service; C. H. S. Chorus  
Sings Splendid Anthems; Sum-  
mary of Discourse

Probably one of the most interest-  
ing, eloquent discourses ever deliv-  
ered from a Chickasha pulpit was the  
sermon addressed last night to the  
members of the graduating class of  
the high school, by Dr. John R. Wray,  
pastor of the First Baptist church of  
Chickasha.

At an early hour the public followed  
the forty-one members of the gradu-  
ating class into the Epworth Methodist  
church. By 8 o'clock the full seating  
capacity of the church, 1100, was oc-  
cupied and standing room was at a pre-  
mium, while fully 500 people were  
turned away from the church.

The students were seated in the  
central section of pews, while the  
school choir took its place in front  
of the pipe organ.

Under the directorship of Miss Ma-  
bel Byers the school choir sang the  
opening hymn.

Rev. Lawrence L. Cohen Jr., pastor  
of the Epworth Methodist church, pro-  
nounced the invocation and then the  
congregation joined in singing "Coro-  
nation," followed by the reading of the  
99th Psalm, by Rev. E. B. Teis, pastor  
of the Presbyterian church. The  
scriptural reading was followed by  
"Let the Heavens Be Glad," rendered  
by the high school chorus.

Dr. Wray based his sermon on the  
ninth verse of the first chapter of  
Jeremiah. In his opening sentences  
he showed that it behooves all, even  
from life's beginning, to consider the  
end of mortal existence; that is the  
ultimate and the highest design for  
which life is lived; the way of life  
should be used and not abused. "The  
true import and object of life is of such  
infinite importance to every one who  
has a life to live that no sane man  
or woman will proceed far upon the  
earthly journey without asking him-  
self or herself 'Where am I going?'"

The speaker dwelt upon the neces-  
sity of including the future in all plans  
and said that this was one of the  
marks of a man's mental and spiritual  
superiority. "Forethought reveals the  
difference between the child and the  
man, between the savage and the civi-  
lized man; between the successful  
man and the failure."

Persistence, the speaker said, was  
an essential of success; by persev-  
erance men of genius had flashed forth  
in the fields of art, of science, of gov-  
ernment.

"Never since God commanded Adam  
to subdue the earth, has the race of  
man made an upward stride without a  
bitter struggle, while those who light  
the lamp of truth and push back the  
curtain of darkness which enshrouds  
the earth may do so only by persistent  
effort and faith and belief in God.  
God cannot be cheated. There is no  
crown without its cross. Your dip-  
lomas mean nothing if they do not  
mean sacrifice; they are worthless if  
they have not cost you something and  
do not lead from the hill of beginning  
to broader knowledge and nobler liv-  
ing."

The speaker dwelt upon the great  
need of the guiding power of Deity  
through life. He said the successful  
man must look beyond the present and  
lay the foundations of the future, not  
depending upon luck or something  
turning up. "The mariner who puts to  
sea without a compass or a chart  
inevitably meets with shipwreck. And  
so with man in any walk of life."

"The achievement of earthly suc-  
cess cannot bring satisfaction to the  
soul of man, who is created on too  
grand a scale to be decked in the frills  
of fashion or charmed with the din  
of applause or the empty jingle of a  
golden toy."

"The certain true and abiding end is

to glorify God. The life that does that  
glorifies itself. God is the great and  
determining factor in life. No life  
can reach the ultimate end without  
God. Conduct and character should  
be determined by motives pleasing to  
God, as He alone knows our possibili-  
ties and opportunities. He plans for  
us."

In the latter part of his sermon Dr.  
Wray spoke as follows:

"Much is said now a days about the  
broad-minded, liberal man, whose  
breadth and liberality are magnified  
as virtues. But who is this broad-  
minded man? You will find he is one  
whose courtesy shapes his convictions,  
whose preferences are guided by poli-  
cy, whose energies are regulated by  
environment, who trims his sails for  
every popular breeze, limber as a twig  
of weeping willows, yielding and spine-  
less as a jelly fish, like Aesop's bat—  
neither beast nor bird—not only di-

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## GIRL TELLS SAD STORY TO POLICE

Comes to Chickasha from Humble Home  
Near Alex, in Search of Work;  
Barely Escapes Would-Be  
Betrayer

One of the most pathetic stories  
which Chickasha has known was told  
to the police yesterday, following the  
finding of Eva Standridge, by Officer  
Jack Marshall, in an empty passenger  
coach in the Rock Island railway  
yards.

It was a story of the poor and inno-  
cent country girl, unsophisticated and  
without money, coming from the hum-  
ble home of her tenant-farmer father,  
to the city in an effort to secure some  
sort of honest and honorable employ-  
ment whereby she might be enabled  
to help the father support the large  
family of children.

Eva Standridge stated to the offi-  
cers that her home was with her  
father, her stepmother and a large  
family of brothers and sisters on a  
farm near Alex; that they had recently  
moved to this section from Arkansas;  
that they were very poor and hard  
pressed; that she and her father and  
her stepmother lived amicably to-  
gether; that there was a large family  
of children and that she had talked the  
matter over at home and it was  
thought she might come to Chickasha  
and secure some sort of employment  
and turn a part of her earnings over  
to her folks to be used in their fight  
with the wolf which howled at the  
door of their humble home.

The girl said that she arrived in  
Chickasha Friday evening; that she  
did not have much money; that she  
secured lodging for the night and  
walked the streets all day Saturday  
in hunting work; that she knew a little  
about house work; that she had been  
raised in the cotton fields and knew  
more about chopping cotton than she  
did about baking bread; that she  
could find no employment and when  
night came on she was without money  
with which to procure food and lodg-  
ing, having spent her last cent for a  
room Friday night and breakfast  
Saturday morning.

The unfortunate girl said that she  
had remained in the Rock Island de-  
pot Saturday night until about 10  
o'clock, when a well-dressed, smooth  
shaven young man came to her, per-  
suaded her to tell him her story and  
enticed her away from the depot by  
promising to take her to a "respecta-  
ble place," where she would be cared  
for through the night. The girl stated  
that the man conducted her north in  
the railway yards, and when she be-  
came suspicious and refused to ac-  
company her further, he attacked her  
and threw her to the ground. The  
girl fought off her assailant and made  
her escape in the darkness. She al-  
leges she escaped unharmed other  
than a few bruises where her body was  
hurled across the railway tracks. She  
told the officers that she could identify  
her assailant.

Fearing to return to the depot the  
girl climbed into an empty passenger  
coach on one of the sidetracks in the  
Rock Island yards, where she remained  
until found by the officer Sunday  
morning.

The city authorities had the girl  
taken to a local rooming house and  
this morning a ticket was bought to  
Alex and she was placed aboard the  
train for that place.

## CHICAGO IS PREPARING FOR CROWD

Delegates and Visitors to Two Con-  
ventions Will Number 150,000;  
Windy City Scrambling to Find  
Accommodations

## SUFFS WILL STAGE BIG DEMONSTRATION

Women Asking Ballots Will March 25-  
000 Strong Through Streets While  
700 Reporters Will Warm Tele-  
graph Wires with Dope

By United Press.  
Chicago, Ill., May 15.—Hotel man-  
agers today are attempting to solve  
the problem of housing approximately  
150,000 transients expected to attend  
the Republican and Progressive Na-  
tional conventions and the great suf-  
frage demonstrations to be held here  
June 7. This is the largest number  
of strangers that has visited Chi-  
cago since the World's Fair in 1912.

Already every available room in the  
large hotels have been reserved, and it  
seems that accommodations in sec-  
ond class and smaller hostels will be  
at a premium. In fact, managers of  
the "big five" of Chicago's hotels  
will not reserve another room, stating  
they are holding them "for the usual  
run of business."

Although they maintain that the  
rates have not been increased, the of-  
ficials of three hostels, the La Salle,  
Congress and Sherman House, have  
reserved the right to "double or triple  
up the rooms if it becomes necessary."

The same rule will be employed prob-  
ably at the Auditorium.

Four hundred rooms have been re-  
served at the Blackstone for months,  
the rates ranging from \$5 to \$10. No  
reservations have been allowed for  
headquarters here.

Officials smilingly admit that 350  
rooms of the Congress are "gone" at  
\$4 a "head"; the La Salle has been  
asked for 500 rooms at \$2.50 and \$5.00  
a person. Both have a few hundred  
rooms left which they allege they will  
hold for their "regular guests."

The Auditorium, officials say, has  
been entirely sold out. There are four  
hundred rooms in all, \$5 and \$10 being  
asked. Colonel Roosevelt will make  
his headquarters here, having closed an  
option upon the three upper floors.  
Other hostels like the Morrison, Vic-  
toria, Kainerhoff, Chicago Beach, Strat-  
ford and Palmer house have been de-  
luded with applications for lodgings.

Officials of the Illinois Equal Suffrage  
league, who will conduct a mon-  
star parade coincident with the con-  
vention, may have to pitch camp on  
the lake, front to accommodate the  
25,000 delegates attending from all  
over the country.

They have been refused permission  
by the park board here to use the  
municipal pier for lodgings. The women  
will march from the loop to the Coliseum,  
the scene of the republican  
convention, equipped with signs and  
banners demanding an insertion of a  
plank in the G. O. P platform for equal  
suffrage.

The G. O. P. and the Moose local  
committees have been busy putting  
the finishing touches on their prepa-  
rations for the convention. The re-  
publicans opened their headquarters  
at the Coliseum this week.

The building will be decorated in  
gala fashion. The speakers' stand will  
be in the south end of the building.  
Arrangements have been completed to  
accommodate 11,000 people.

The press will occupy the first 700  
chairs encircling the speakers plat-  
form. The 935 delegates will follow  
and beyond them will be seated as  
many alternates. The rear end of the  
main floor and the balconies will take  
care of the spectators.

James B. Preston, head of the press  
gallery in the Senate, arrived here  
Monday from Washington and laid  
out the final plans for the Auditorium  
theatre, the stamping ground of the  
progressives.

This building will hold 4,000. The  
speaker's chair will be placed on the  
stage, which has been lengthened and  
widened to be able to hold 250 seats  
for the press in front of the speaker.

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## DEFENDERS OF VERDUN PARADE BEFORE JOFFRE



General Joffre reviewing the regiments which have prevented the Germans from piercing the French lines and capturing Verdun. These regiments were singled out and taken to St. Dizier to rest from the terrific struggle in which they had been engaged. They were reviewed in the square at St. Dizier in front of the monument which commemorates the battle of St. Dizier, which was besieged by the Germans in 1514.

## TEX. BLACK IS BURNED AT STAKE

Mob Storms Court House at Waco and  
Seizes Young Negro, Carrying Him  
to City Hall Square for  
Execution

By United Press.  
Waco, Tex., May 15.—A mob esti-  
mated at twenty thousand stormed the  
court house here today, seized Jesse  
Washington, a negro aged eighteen,  
from Sheriff Fleming, rushed him  
three blocks through the business sec-  
tion and burned him to death in the  
city hall square, for the murder of  
Mrs. Elizabeth Fryar.

Judge R. I. Munroe had just passed a  
death sentence upon Washington  
after a trial following his plea of not  
guilty. Washington was a farm hand  
and worked for George Fryer, the  
woman's husband. It was alleged that  
the negro slew the woman with a ham-  
mer and then assaulted her.

Leaders of the mob rushed into the  
court room, overpowered the sheriff  
and marched the negro through the  
streets in an orderly fashion. The  
black was strung to a tree, oil was  
poured upon a pile of boxes beneath  
him and a match was applied. The  
negro was then lowered into the  
flames.

The body burned twenty minutes  
while the mob, which was from the  
entire county chanted in unison, "Burn  
him, burn him."

## DIRECTORS OF BUREAU SELECTED

The official count of the election  
of officers and the board of directors  
of the Grady County Commercial and  
Farm Bureau was completed this morn-  
ing.

The returns show that Jonas Cook  
was chosen to serve as president;  
Myron Humphrey, vice president; F.  
L. Slusher, treasurer, while the fol-  
lowing were chosen to serve as mem-  
bers of the board of directors: L. C.  
Hutson, Orin Ashton, W. H. Donahue,  
W. H. Gilkey, Ed. P. Johns, Ben F.  
Morgan, R. L. Wallace, J. W. Kayser,  
M. F. Courtney, C. H. Caneman, O.  
Coffman, George H. Evans.

Jonas Cook, the newly elected presi-  
dent, stated this morning that it was  
more than possible Mr. Gilkey, the old  
president, would call a meeting of the  
officers and members at which time  
the new regime would take charge  
formally. Mr. Cook also said that every  
member of the commercial and farm  
bureau was alive to the good to be  
derived from the active work of the  
institution and said that he believed  
great interest would be one of the  
marks of the organization for the com-  
ing season.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ODD FELLOWS OPENS

Odd Fellows have the right of way  
in Chickasha today. The Sixth Annu-  
al encampment of the jurisdiction of  
Oklahoma convened at the Odd Fel-  
lows' hall, corner Fourth street and  
Kansas avenue, at 9 o'clock this morn-  
ing.

A good attendance was present at  
the morning session, with members of  
the order present from Oklahoma City,  
Ardmore, Anadarko, Enid, El Reno,  
Guthrie, McAlester, Checotah, Perry,  
Ponca City, Stillwater, Lawton,  
Hobart, Cherokee, Carmen, Muskogee,  
Tulsa, Sapulpa, Durant and other  
cities.

Between 150 and 200 were reported  
as having registered up to noon to-  
day, while every train which arrived  
in Chickasha, over the different rail-  
roads brought additional delegates to  
the encampment.

Grand Secretary G. W. Bruce of  
Guthrie, was among the first arriving;  
Grand Master Norville and other  
grand officers were expected to come  
in through the day. J. B. R. Robinson,  
grand sire of the order, was to arrive  
sometime this afternoon.

The public session of the order will  
be held this evening, assembling at 8  
o'clock.

When the public session assembles  
Mayor Coffman, who is himself an  
Odd Fellow of high standing, will de-  
liver the welcoming address on behalf  
of the city of Chickasha. An officer  
of the grand encampment will respond  
in behalf of the visiting fraters.

## ATTEMPTS TO SUICIDE

Robert Sothern, the negro who has  
been confined in the Grady county  
jail upon burglary charges for the past  
several weeks, attempted suicide Sat-  
urday afternoon, but was unsuccess-  
ful.

Sothern has been in jail some time  
awaiting trial on charges of complicity  
in a number of box car robberies  
which have been pulled off from time  
to time in the Rock Island railway  
yards of Chickasha.

Saturday Robert addressed a note  
to Jailer Dryden in which he said:  
"Well, Robert Sothern will show you  
that he is going to poison himself."

Another prisoner had the told  
scared out of him when Sothern told  
him of his plans and followed up the  
statement by swallowing a large por-  
tion of pounded glass. The fellow pris-  
oner howled for help and shook the  
cell door until the bars rattled.  
Jailer Dryden called Dr. Emanuel,  
county health officer, who adminis-  
tered warm water and mustard to the  
would-be suicide. The dose had the  
desired effect.

At 6 o'clock Saturday Sothern was  
released from custody, having succe-  
ded in giving bonds in the sum of \$750  
for his appearance before the district  
court.

Miss Lillian Lorenston is spending  
the week in El Reno, the guest of Mrs.  
Forrest Nave.

## 5 MONTHS PROGRAM FOR NAVY

Atlantic Fleet Starts Today and for Almost  
Half Year Will Cut Circles About  
Self in Divisional  
Maneuvers

## DESTROYER DIVISION JOINS IN OPERATIONS

Tactical Exercises, Target Practice of  
Flotilla and Strategic Drills by Sea  
Fighters Until Opening Days  
of Maneuvers

By United Press.  
Washington, May 15.—The Atlantic  
fleet of Uncle Sam's navy started out  
today to cut circles around itself to  
show the American people what it real-  
ly can do in the way of scrapping. The  
exhibition, in one form or another, will  
continue until November 1.

The official program provides for  
fleet and divisional exercises off the  
North Atlantic coast in the vicinity of  
Newport, together with a war game  
in conjunction with the army from  
July 24 to 29.

Target practice will be held on the  
southern drill grounds from September  
1 to 30, after which the fleet will  
be scattered to the home ports for  
docking and minor repairs.

Beginning today the battleships of  
the fleet will operate singly for steam-  
ing trials and similar individual oper-  
ations, after which, on May 20, the di-  
visions of the fleet will assemble as fol-  
lows:

After divisional exercises lasting for  
five days the divisions will return to  
these bases, except that the flagship  
and First division will go to Hampton  
Roads instead of Tompkinsville.

Beginning on June 3 divisional exer-  
cises will again be held, the battle-  
ships again returning to these bases  
on June 10, on which date the flagship  
and the First division will return to  
Tompkinsville.

After five days spent in divisional  
exercises, from June 12 to June 17, the  
entire fleet will reassemble at New-  
port on June 17 for squadron exercises  
off Newport from June 19 to July 1.

The week from July 1 to 8 will be  
spent in the usual Fourth of July calls  
at Atlantic coast ports for local cele-  
brations.

On July 8 the battleships will again  
mobilize at Narragansett Bay and on  
July 10 will spend a five day period  
in fleet exercises.

Returning to Narragansett Bay on  
July 15, the next four weeks will be  
spent at anchor for machinery over-  
haul, ship drills and inspections, with  
the exception of five days from July  
24 to 29, when the divisions will op-  
erate in a war game in an assigned  
area. Torpedo exercises will also be  
held, and the mining division and de-  
stroyers will engage in joint exercises.

One division of destroyers will co-  
operate with the army in joint opera-  
tions in testing the defenses of East-  
ern New York.

Tactical exercises of the fleet will  
begin again about August 7 and will  
continue until August 12, when the bat-  
tleships will return to Narragansett  
Bay for machinery overhauling, ship  
drills, coaling and provisions and con-  
ferences at the Naval War college, prepa-  
ratory to strategic manoeuvres  
from August 20 to September 1, when  
the entire fleet will proceed to the  
southern drill grounds for target prac-  
tice until September 30, when the fleet  
will disperse to the home ports.

The mining division of the fleet will  
assemble in North River on May 15  
and will cruise and engage in exer-  
cises on May 2 off New Haven, on June  
1 off Provincetown and on June 5  
off Plymouth.

After a brief call at Boston this min-  
ing division will continue its exercises  
off Salem, Cape Ann, Gloucester and  
Rockport until July 1. The Vestal and  
Solace will base on Newport and will  
move according to the needs of the  
fleet.

The vessels of the active destroyer  
flotilla upon the completion of repairs  
will make a reconnaissance of the New  
England coast, after which they will  
assemble at Gardiner's Bay and pre-  
pare to participate in the fleet opera-

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
Tonight fair with frost proba-  
bly. Tuesday fair.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 87; Minimum, 43.  
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